

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 26-30 are pending for consideration. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment.

CONCLUSION

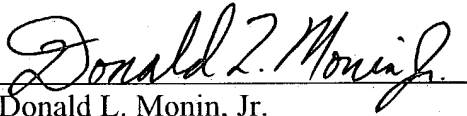
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request consideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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